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WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Minutes of the fourth meeting of the
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Emmanuel College, Victoria University, Toronto

July 5-7 , 1950 *)

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1. Presiding: The Bishop of Chichester , Chairman .
Dr.Franklin Clark Fry . Vice-Chairman .

2. Attendance:

Members	Staff
Dr.Marc Boegner	Rev.Robert S.Bilheimer
Bishop of Chichester	Miss Sarah Chakko
Dr.Leslie E.Cooke	Dr.Nils Ehrenström
Father Georges Florovsky	Miss Jean Fraser
Dr.Franklin Clark Fry	Dr.J.C.Hoekendijk
Archbishop Germanos	Dr.Henry Smith Leiper
Mr.Kenneth G.Grubb	Dr.Robert C.Mackie
Dr.Alphons Koechlin	Bishop Stephen C.Neill
Dr.Martin Niemoeller	Dr.O.Frederick Nolde
Bishop G.Bromley Oxnam	Mr.Frank Northam
Dr.Gordon A.Sisco	Rev.Oliver S.Tomkins
Mrs.Leslie E.Swain	Dr.W.A.Visser 't Hooft
Mr.Charles P.Taft	
Bishop Y.Y.Tsu	

3. Opening Prayer.
The meeting was opened with prayer by the Bishop of Chichester .

4. Agenda.
The agenda was presented amd modified .

5. Minutes.
It was AGREED:

to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of February 21-23,1950 as circulated .

*) Note: No appendices are added since all documents submitted to the Executive Committee were later submitted to the Central Committee and appear in the printed minutes of the Centr.Ctee.

6. Arrangements for the Central Committee.
After discussion, it was AGREED :

a) Agenda
to recommend the schedule and agenda for recommendation to the Central Committee as presented and modified.

b) Sub-Committees
After discussion, it was AGREED :

to recommend to the Central Committee the arrangements for sub-committees as presented and modified.

c) Consultants
After discussion, it was AGREED :

to appoint the following persons as consultants to the meeting of the Central Committee :

Mr. E.J. Bingle, England
The Rt. Rev. Bishop S.K. Mondol, India
Professor David G. Moses, India
Bishop Tiran Nersoyan, United States
Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, United States
Professor Leon Zander, France
Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, United States

d) Press
After discussion, it was AGREED :

to recommend to the Central Committee that the session on Tuesday morning, July 11th, on South Africa and Korea be a closed session, but that the session during which the sub-committee reports back to the Central Committee on these subjects be open.

7. Subjects of the Central Committee

a) Assembly.
After discussion, it was AGREED :

to present the following as a proposal to the Central Committee :

PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE SECOND ASSEMBLY

1. Place. The Executive Committee gratefully heard the report of Bishop Oxnam on behalf of the Conference of USA Member Churches concerning the place of the Assembly in the United States. Bishop Oxnam reminded the Committee that the Conference of USA Member Churches had been asked to find a place for the Assembly, and as a result had decided that the Assembly should be held at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. He spoke of the advantage of meeting in mid-western United States, and reported that in every way the facilities of the University were suitable for the requirements of the Assembly. Total cost will be between $ 3.50 and $ 4.00 per day per delegate, and in addition the University is contributing $ 25,000 toward the cost of transportation from New York to Chicago.

2. Composition.

a. Delegates. Following the action of the First Assembly and the provision in the Rules that the Central Committee may adjust the number of delegates decided by the Assembly by 20%, the Executive Committee

AGREED : to recommend to the Central Committee that the Second Assembly be composed of 600 delegates .

AGREED : to suggest that the Central Committee request the Executive Committee to consider a plan for the allocation of delegates' places among the member Churches at its February 1951 meeting, and report to the Central Committee at its next meeting .

b. Substitutes. A full discussion recalled the difficulties from all viewpoints encountered at Amsterdam in regard to the large number of alternates present , and the Executive Committee

AGREED : to recommend to the Central Committee that there be no alternates present at the Second Assembly, but that the Churches be requested to provide for replacements of those principals who are not able to attend .

c. Consultants. In accord with the Rules of the World Council which provide that the Executive Committee appoints consultants to the Assembly in consultation with the Churches , it was

AGREED : that the Executive Committee provisionally express its opinion that 150 consultants be considered a maximum to be invited to the Second Assembly .

This expression of opinion is made in the light, on the one hand, of the reaction at Amsterdam against the rather large number of consultants, and on the other hand of the need to have experts present, who may also represent not only different fields of knowledge but also of lay experience .

d. Youth Delegates. In accord with the Rules , it was

AGREED : that the Executive Committee request the Youth Department to bring a proposal for the selection of approximately 100 youth delegates to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, for its consideration and action .

3. General Content.

The Executive Committee heard three presentations, from the Bishop of Chichester, the General Secretary, and Dr. Ehrenström, concerning the content of the Assembly, and desired that the substance of the proposals be brought before the Central Committee. The proposals have grown out of consultations between the General Secretary, the Bishop of Chichester and Dr. Van Dusen, chairman of the Study Department Committee , and from discussions within the Staff Study Coordinating Committee in Geneva .

General Orientation.

It is proposed that the Assembly find its general orientation in an attempt to secure full participation from the member Churches in the planning, preparation and follow up of the Assembly. It should be, even more than Amsterdam , of and for the Churches, to the point that the concerns of the Assembly grow out of thinking in the Churches and its decisions are thrown back upon the life of the Churches. In this fashion , the Assembly will become a mid-point in a continuing process, rather than an isolated event. This has particular importance for the follow up of the Assembly . One difficulty at Amsterdam was that the reports of the Assembly there did not request specific action, but were generally referred to the Churches , with the result that the meeting tended to become an end in itself .

Selection of theme.

It is proposed that in selecting the theme the Central Committee begin a discussion and reach a tentative decision now as to what the theme should be,but that definite decision as to the theme should be deferred for further consideration by the Executive Committee in February 1951 and final determination by the Central Committee in the summer of 1951. During the intervening months, the tentative formulation of the theme should be sent to the Churches with a request for comments upon it. It is hoped that member Churches will find ways to secure widespread comments within their own constituencies, in order that these may be reported during the coming year to the World Council of Churches .

Preparatory Materials.

It is proposed that the study materials consist of three types of documents. It is agreed that the volumes prepared for Amsterdam and other ecumenical meetings have been very valuable, but it is also widely felt that it is not appropriate that an additional series of volumes be prepared now for the Second Assembly.This is particularly true in view of the fact that the Faith and Order Conference in 1952 will have produced a report in addition to the preparatory volumes for the meeting , all of which will form part of the preparatory material for the Second Assembly. In addition, three types of material are proposed:

- general surveys of the best that has been written on the subjects of the Assembly, and of what the Churches have done in regard to them .
- popular leaflets on the subjects of the Assembly, to serve as the means for widespread discussion in the member Churches.
- first drafts on the Assembly subjects, which may be prepared in the form of direct background for the eventual Assembly report, but not in the form of that report .

Assembly Theme.

It is proposed that the Assembly have a single theme, and that it deal also with special subjects related to that theme. There are various conceptions as to what that theme should be, but consultations so far have indicated a preference for a short,positive theme dealing with the general problem of man as a free being in a world which

through various forces and events has deprived him of this freedom. We would like the Assembly to say to a frightened and uncertain world , "there is a salvation for man." The statement of this theme should convey the idea that we are really searching for a new, break-through type of evangelism, which will penetrate an alien world .

In addition to a consideration of this main theme, it is proposed that the Assembly address itself to certain immediate elements in the existing situation , particularly those of sex, race relations and communism . In regard to the latter, it is not proposed that the Assembly concern itself with a frontal attack upon communism as such , but rather that it seek to deal in a Christian way with the human problems which communism professes to meet .

Reports and Follow-up.

It is proposed that the Assembly deal with the main theme as a whole(probably divided into groups for the purpose) for the first week, thus providing an occasion for concerted attention to the central theme, and also providing a natural process out of which the message of the Assembly may come. During the second week, appropriate sections would consider the particular subjects which are decided upon .

It is proposed that the reports of the Assembly contain four parts :

- an analysis of the problem
- a Christian affirmation in regard to the problem
- an indication of the tasks which the Churches may undertake in respect to it
- an outline of the issues which need further study by the Churches .

It is proposed that the reports be adopted by the Assembly with a request for action by the member Churches, and that the Assembly determine the methods of follow up of the reports. One suggestion is that the Churches be requested to report within two or three years to the Central Committee what they have been able to do .

b. Ecclesiological Significance of the World Council of Churches

After discussion it was AGREED :

to present the document on this subject prepared by the General Secretary following the action of the February 1950 meeting of the Executive Committee, to the sub-committee of the Central Committee on the subject, asking them to criticise it and to bring a proposal before the Central Committee concerning its status and use .

c. Dominant Religions

Dr. Nolde reported the following actions of the C.C.I.A. Executive Committee :

The Executive Committee of the C.C.I.A. agrees :

1. That Part I of the Study on Religious Freedom in Face of Dominant Forces, The Defense of Religious Liberty, as amended in the light of discussion, be presented to the Central Committee ;

2. That Part II of the Study , Supplementary Data, be submitted with the explanation that it had been compiled on the basis of reports independently presented by competent authorities in response to a request from the C.C.I.A., but that the limits of the Study had precluded first-hand verification by the C.C.I.A.

3. That Part III, Reports on Selected Areas, be made available to the members of the Central Committee upon individual request .

d. General Secretary's Report.

There was no discussion of this matter, beyond placing it on the Agenda for presentation and discussion on Sunday evening July 9.

e. C.C.I.A.Matters.

i. Mr.Grubb reported that a printed annual report would be presented to the Central Committee .

ii. Korea.

Mr.Grubb and Dr.Nolde presented the following resolutions to the Executive Committee on behalf of the Executive Committee of the C.C.I.A. :

1. Expresses approval of the communication addressed by the C.C.I.A. Director to the United Nations Secretary-General expressing appreciation of the promptness with which the Security Council was convened and the forthrightness of its initial action .

2. Recommends to the Central Committee that a letter of greeting and sympathy be sent to the Christian people of Korea and, having amended a draft prepared by a sub-committee. orwards the text for consideration and possible use.

3. Recommends that the Central Committee issue a statement on the situation in Korea and , having amended a draft submitted by a sub-committee , forwards the text for consideration and possible use .

4. In view of the sufferings of the people of Korea and the present threat to world peace arising from the Korean situation, recommends the preparation of a prayer or prayers for use in the Churches .

In the discussion which followed, the following major points were made :

- Expressions of approval from numerous members, on the grounds that the draft letter expressed the needed word to Christians in Korea and that the statement provided the

concrete and affirmative position which was both expected of the World Council and useful in the general situation .

- A question in reference to the draft letter , on the grounds that it is inappropriate for Christians living in freedom and comfort somewhat piously to urge strength and courage upon those living in war and the threat of persecution .

- A question about the statement, on the grounds that we should not pronounce judgment in view of the fact that the fighting is not the result of aggression of one nation upon another, but rather a civil war which has resulted from the character of the occupation for which the occupying powers as well as the people involved bear responsibility. In addition, the statement was questioned on the grounds of its political intent and orientation .

Following this discussion , it was AGREED :

to refer the resolutions on Korea presented by the C.C.I.A. Executive Committee,including the drafts of the letter and the draft statement, to the Central Committee .

iii. Stockholm Appeal.

Mr.Grubb explained that a propaganda drive had been started by the communists through the Stockholm Appeal, which sought to gather signatures in various nations backing up the Soviet position on various matters concerning international affairs. Together with Dr.Nolde, he had signed a letter with the approval of the C.C.I.A. Executive Committee which was reported to the Executive Committee for its information .

iv. Refugees.

Dr.Nolde presented and explained a document on the problem of refugees , adopted by the C.C.I.A. Executive Committee for the information of the Executive Committee .

v. Race Relations.

Mr.Grubb presented resolutions of the C.C.I.A.Executive Committee on the problem of race relations. In addition,Dr.Hoekendijk presented a short report of the situation as he found it in South Africa.(Dr.Hoekendijk's statement is not summarized here,the substance of it being contained in the minutes of the meeting of the Central Committee.)

In the ensuing discussion , a question was raised concerning the proposed ecumenical deputation to visit South Africa .

Following the discussion , it was AGREED :

to recommend the following actions of the C.C.I.A. Executive Committee to the Central Committee:

WHEREAS both the Amsterdam Assembly and the Central Committee have protested against the exploitation of non-self-governing peoples, the flagrant violations of human rights, discrimination or segregation on the ground of race or color; and whereas they have urged the Churches in every country to work for the progressive recognition and application of these principles and above all to observe them in their own membership and life

The Central Committee, standing by these statements,

1. Requests that statements on race relations made by the World Council of Churches and bodies associated with it be assembled and widely circulated especially in the countries directly concerned;

2. Asks its General Secretary and suggests to the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council that they communicate with Member Churches and Councils, enquiring what assistance, if any, ecumenical organizations can render to local churches, church bodies and councils, in seeking a Christian solution of their racial problems;

3. Authorizes the proposal that, if the Churches in South Africa are ready to invite an ecumenical delegation, such a delegation should be sent under the auspices of the two parent bodies and for the purpose of conference and fellowship with the churches of South Africa.

AGREED: to present the following resolutions of the C.C.I.A. Executive Committee to the Central Committee for its information:

The Executive Committee of the C.C.I.A.:

1. Desires to emphasize that the proper pursuit or even superintendence of ecumenical studies on race relations is beyond the present resources of the C.C.I.A., and accordingly urges the need either of further resources or of the assumption of particular study responsibility by the parent bodies;

a/2. Recognizing the need for a study of racial problems not only in Southern Africa but also in other lands, expresses the hope that through the Conference of U.S.A. Member Churches and with the help of the appropriate agencies, a report on the racial situation within the churches of the U.S.A. may be made available;

3. Expresses its appreciation for the work done by Mr. E.J. Bingle on racial questions and welcomes his continued collaboration./

vi. International Law.

Dr. Nolde reported that following the action of the Chichester meeting of the Central Committee, a conference on International Law had been held at the Ecumenical Institute under the auspices of the

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a/ To be referred to the Conference of U.S.A. Member Churches.

C.C.I.A., with Baron Van Asbeck in the chair. The Executive Committee of the C.C.I.A. had further considered the matter, and he reported the following resolutions for the information of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee of the C.C.I.A.

1. Agrees to receive the Report of the Conference on the Foundations of International Law, convened by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, the Study Department of the World Council of Churches, and the Ecumenical Institute (Bossey, 11-17 April 1950), and authorizes its distribution to the Central Committee of the W.C.C. and to the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council.

2. Agrees that letters of appreciation be sent to Professor Max Huber, to contributors of papers, and to other participants in the Conference.

3. Expresses the hope that the Report be more widely distributed and commends it in the first instance to the editors of "The Ecumenical Review".

4. Expresses the hope that the Report will be submitted to groups in various countries, a) with a view to critical reaction and further study; and b) with a view to the development of readily understandable axioms.

5. Expresses the hope that another conference will be held in due course, possibly in 1951, when the results of these wider studies will be considered as well as the question of these axioms.

vii. Peace Studies.

Mr. Grubb reported that following the action of the Chichester meeting of the Central Committee, the General Secretary of the W.C.C. had requested data from the member Churches on the situation of Christian conscientious objectors, but that no replies had been received.

It was AGREED :

> that the following resolutions of the C.C.I.A. Executive Committee 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 be received for information and that resolution 2 be referred to the Central Committee for action:

1. Since no responses have been received to the Central Committee action inviting Member Churches to submit information about "the situation of pacifists in their own countries and churches", it was AGREED :

> that U.N. document E/CN. 4/NGO/1/Add. 1 be distributed for information.

2. WHEREAS, this Committee considers that the conscientious decisions of Christians with regard to participation or non-participation in war are to be respected and that therefore all nations should make legal provision concerning conscientious objectors:

RESOLVED that the Central Committee appoint a committee to prepare a draft statement concerning the desirable principles on which such legislation should be based for submission to the Central Committee at its next meeting.

3. Received the report of the Rev. R.M. Zigler concerning the proposals of the Historic Peace Churches, expressed appreciation of the intention to carry their Study forward, and noted that any final report by the C.C.I.A. would have to represent all major points of view.

4. Having received communications urging action for peace from various Churches and agencies of the C.C.I.A. constituency and from the officers of the Conference on the Church and War (Detroit, May 1950) AGREED :

that the relevant resolutions of the Executive Committee shall be transmitted in response.

5. In view of indications that adequate finances may be made available from certain sources in the United States, for an objective study on war and peace, AGREED :

to request the U.S.A. Conference of Member Churches to refer the matter to its Secretary for Studies.

6. URGES National Commissions on International Affairs to appoint a person (s) to prepare a summary statement of the existing studies on the theological principles of the Christian understanding of peace and recommends that approaches be made to theological faculties to secure their cooperation.

viii Finance.

Dr. Nolde presented a resolution on finance adopted by the C.C.I.A. Executive Committee, and it was AGREED :

to refer to the Finance Committee the resolution on finance submitted by the C.C.I.A. Executive Committee, as follows:

WHEREAS, the C.C.I.A. cannot continue its present services without additional financial resources;

WHEREAS, the requirements laid upon the C.C.I.A. are constantly increasing; and,

WHEREAS, there is the possibility that the C.C.I.A. will be asked to accept a special assignment in connection with a comprehensive plan for the protection and promotion of religious freedom;

AGREED: To remit consideration of increased financial support for the C.C.I.A. to the officers of the parent bodies and their appropriate committees.

8. Resignation of the Archbishop of Upsala.

Dr. Visser 't Hooft read a letter from the Archbishop of Upsala, Dr. Erling Eidem, in which he requested that his resignation as President of the World Council of Churches be accepted.

After many expressions of regret and of appreciation for his service to the World Council of Churches and the ecumenical movement generally, the Committee AGREED :

> to recommend that the Central Committee accept the resignation of the Archbishop of Upsala, Dr. Erling Eidem, as President of the World Council of Churches, and to suggest to the Central Committee that a letter of appreciation be sent to Dr. Eidem, signed by the Presidents of the World Council.

In reference to a successor to Dr. Eidem, it was indicated that the Central Committee had power to elect a president on behalf of the Assembly, and it was AGREED :

> to respectfully suggest to the Central Committee that Bishop Eivind Berggrav be asked to become a President of the World Council of Churches succeeding the Archbishop of Upsala, Dr. Eidem.

9. Questions of Membership.

The General Secretary reported applications for membership in the World Council of Churches. After investigation by a sub-committee, and discussion in the committee, it was AGREED :

> to act upon the applications for membership in the World Council of Churches as follows:

a. The Methodist Church of Ceylon. It was reported that this Church, which has a baptized membership of 21,000, is now fully autonomous and meets all the requirements of the rules for membership.

It was agreed to recommend to the Central Committee that this Church be accepted as a member Church of the World Council.

b. The Synod of the Evangelical Church of North Iran. This Church is Presbyterian in organization and is fully autonomous but has a total membership of only 3,000. The Executive Committee was of the opinion that this Church meets the requirements for membership, and agreed to recommend to the Central Committee that it be accepted as a member Church, but advised that, in the event of its being accepted, it should be notified that acceptance to membership does not necessarily carry with it the right to direct representation at the Assembly of the World Council.

c. The Church of Central Java.
This Church is Presbyterian in organization and springs from the missionary work of the Gereformeerde Kerken of Holland. The baptized membership is believed to be about 20,000. An invitation to apply for membership had been sent before the Assembly, but the letter was never received by the Church. This Church has now formally applied for membership.

The Executive Committee agreed to recommend to the Central Committee that it be accepted.

d. The Federacao Sinodal of Lutheran Churches in Brazil.
This Church has come into existence through the union of four independent Lutheran synods in Brazil with a total membership of 631,000. Although at present it calls itself a federation, this body, in applying for membership, states that it regards itself as a Church of Christ in Brazil and that it hopes in due course to express this character in its name.

The Executive Committee, being of the opinion that this Church meets all the requirements for membership, agreed to recommend to the Central Committee that it be accepted.

The Executive Committee had before it an official report of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany accepted by the Synod of the Evangelical Church in Germany on 23 April 1950. This report contains the following statement on the membership of the German Churches in the World Council of Churches.

"In the list of member Churches of the World Council of Churches, the name of the Evangelical Church in Germany is to appear, and beneath it the names of the twenty-seven constituent Churches in Germany are to be individually recorded. After the name of each Church which belongs to the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany the indication Lutheran is to be printed with a reference to a footnote which is to run as follows:

'This Church is directly a member of the World Council of Churches in accordance with the resolution of the General Synod of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany dated 29 January 1949 which runs as follows: (this resolution is added in the Minutes of the Central Committee)."

The Executive Committee agreed that the above is a correct statement of the relationship between the Churches in Germany and the World Council of Churches, and recommended that the consequent alterations be made when the list of member Churches of the World Council of Churches is next printed.

Bishop Neill reported on the situation of the African Churches and mentioned that there were several which, on the information available to him, appeared to be qualified for membership of the World Council of Churches. It was agreed to remit this matter for

discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the Joint Committee of the WCC and the IMC.

10. De Motione Ecumenica.

Discussion concerning De Motione Ecumenica, the Instruction on the ecumenical movement issued by the Vatican in February, 1950, indicated on the whole that ecumenically-minded Roman Catholics welcomed the statement, although non-Roman opinion was almost altogether negative towards it. In some circles, where discussions between Roman and non-Roman Christians were going on, the instruction had precipitated a deep difficulty, in that the Roman participants were now obliged to act and speak officially and discussions were hampered.

Following the discussion, it was AGREED :

> to receive the statement on De Motione Ecumenica drawn by the Bishop of Chichester.

11. Relations with the Orthodox Church in Russia.

The General Secretary reported that there had been no change in our relations with the Orthodox Church in Russia, but that there had been numerous requests for material about the W.C.C. He reported that following the instruction of the Executive Committee at its February meeting, he had written Fr. Razoumovsky answering the charges concerning the political character of the W.C.C. and its intent to bring about a union of all the Churches. No reply has been received.

12. Place and Date of Central Committee, 1951 and 1952.

A full discussion took place concerning the place of the Central Committee meeting in 1951, it being obvious that it should meet in or near Lund, Sweden in 1952 in connection with the Faith and Order Conference there. There were many expressions of opinion that the meeting should be in the Far East, but after thorough discussion it was clear that financial reasons would prohibit holding it there. The only alternative, in view of the places of the last and the present meetings, was Western Europe, and it was AGREED :

> to recommend to the Central Committee that the 1951 meeting be held either in Geneva or another place in Switzerland.

In reference to date, there were numerous expressions of opinion that July is inconvenient, and after discussion it was AGREED :

> to recommend to the Central Committee that in 1951 and 1952 it meet during the first week in August.

13. Winter meeting of the Executive Committee.

After discussion, it was AGREED :

> that the next meeting of the Executive Committee should be in or near Paris, on January 30-February 2, 1951. (Note: the Finance sub-committee will meet at the same place on January 29, 1951.)

14. Staff matters.

The General Secretary presented the matter of staff appointments, and after a consideration of the matter by a sub-committee and after discussion, it was AGREED :

to make the following

a) Reappointments for a further year:

Paul Abrecht	Study Department
Robert S. Bilheimer	Programme Secretary
Bernard Causton	Publicity Officer
Miss Sarah Chakko	Secretary of Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church
Miss Suzanne de Diétrich	Ecumenical Institute
Alan Haigh	Finance and Business Department
J.C. Hoekendijk	Secretary for Evangelism
Bengt Hoffman	Dept. of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees
William Keys	Youth Department
W. Kordon	Finance and Business Department
André-Dominique Micheli	Dept. of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees
Elfan Rees	" " "
James Ryberg	" " "
Wolfgang Schweitzer	Study Department
Robert Tobias	Dept. of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees (supported by the Disciples of Christ)
Alexander de Weymarn	Ecumenical Press Service

b) Ending of Appointments.

It was agreed to record the appreciation of the Committee for the services of two members of staff whose appointments were coming to an end in the summer of 1950:

Heinz Kloppenburg	Dept. of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees.
Jan Mirejovsky	Youth Department

c) New Appointments.

Edgar Chandler	Dept. of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, Director of Field Operations in the Service to Refugees. (supported by the Congregational-Christian Churches).
Robert Tillman	Dept. of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees.
H.H. Walz	Dept. of Inter-Church Aid, Secretary for Laymen's Work.

It was further noted that Dr. Walz' appointment was being financed as a project of the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees; that he would be responsible to an inter-departmental committee, representing the Ecumenical Institute, the Study Department, and the Dept. of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees; and that his work would for the present be divided as follows:

1) Relationship to those courses and conferences at the Ecumenical Institute which had to do with laymen's interests;

2) Relationship to the Study Department as an additional collaborator on certain lines of work;

3) The work of documentation along certain selected lines in relation both to the Ecumenical Institute and the Study Department;

4) Relationship to the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees as an advisor on matters concerned with laymen's work.

d) Invitations.

It was agreed to invite the following to become secretaries of the World Council:

Mrs. Kathleen Bliss, as a successor to Miss Sarah Chakko, as secretary of the Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church, beginning on June 1, 1951.

Bengt Mollander Youth Department.

The General Secretary reported the following plans for major staff travel, asking for confirmation of the plans:

Bishop Neill to Australia and New Zealand for university missions, in May and June, 1951.

Dr. J.C. Hoekendijk, a tentative plan to visit Japan as a part of a deputation on evangelism under the auspices of the International Missionary Council for a period of from four to six months.

In reference to Bishop Neill's journey it was hoped that he might be able to undertake some work on behalf of the finances of the World Council during his trip.

In reference to Dr. Hoekendijk, discussion revealed considerable interest in the prospective plan, but also some hesitation concerning his other duties in the World Council.

After discussion, it was AGREED :

to confirm the travel plans of Bishop Neill, and to empower the officers of the Executive Committee to reply to the prospective invitation from the International Missionary Council to Dr. Hoekendijk.

15. Reorganization of the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees.

Dr. Mackie reported a proposed new constitution for the Department to be submitted to the sub-committee on Inter-Church Aid at the Central Committee meeting, and hence to the Cent al Committee. The chief item of this new constitution is the provision of a small Administrative Committee, readily called, for the purpose of supervising the operations of the Department and for a regular large consultation on the needs of the Churches for assistance.

Discussion revealed two points, of which the first concerned the responsibility of the proposed Administrative Committee for the budget of the Department, it being contended on the one hand that the operations of the Department are such as to necessitate a practical control of the budget by the Administrative Committee, and on the other, that ultimate control and decision should rest in the hands of the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee.

The second point involved the creation in the United States of a Voluntary Committee on Foreign Aid, concerned particularly with coordination of effort and the securing of advice in regard to the administration of the Point Four Programme. It was suggested that the matter be referred to the Joint Committee of the IMC-WCC. Following the discussion, it was AGREED :

> to refer the new constitution of the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees to the sub-committee of the Central Committee on Inter-Church Aid:

and further, in reference to the financial operations of the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, it was AGREED :

a. that the Administrative Budget of the Department should continue to be submitted to the Central Committee for adoption along with the administrative budgets of all the Departments of the World Council of Churches.

b. that the Operating Budgets of the Department should be prepared by the Administrative Committee of the Department and submitted by it to the Executive Committee for consideration and approval.

c. that the Administrative Committee of the Department be empowered to sanction the operating budgets temporarily from the beginning of the financial year until the Executive Committee meets, and to supervise and adapt these budgets during the year within the limits set by the Executive and Central Committees.

16. Basis.

The General Secretary raised the question as to whether a group should be set up to consider the basis of membership in the WCC according to the instructions of the First Assembly, or whether such a committee should be appointed in the future. After discussion it was AGREED :

> to recommend that action on this matter be postponed for another year.

17. World Council of Churches Representation in Germany.

Mr. Mackie reported that following the resignation of Dean Halfdan Hogsbro, former WCC representative in Germany as liaison between the WCC, the German Churches and the occupying powers, an informal arrangement had been made on the initiative of the American Religious Affairs Branch for Mr. Bengt Hoffman of the staff of the Department of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, to serve as this liaison, with particular reference to the USA occupying powers. After discussion, it was AGREED :

> to ratify the arrangement for Mr. Bengt Hoffman to be the WCC representative in Germany.

18. Death of Rev. Marcel Sturm.

The General Secretary reported the sudden death of Rev. Marcel Sturm of France, who has rendered a large service to the ecumenical movement both in his own country and in Germany. It was AGREED :

> to authorize an appropriate letter to be sent to Madame Sturm on the occasion of the death of her husband.

19. Church of Greece.

The General Secretary reported that no representative of the Church of Greece would be present owing to the fact that the meeting of the Synod at which decision would be taken concerning the membership of the Church of Greece in the WCC had not yet been held.

Archbishop Germanos reported correspondence which he had with persons in the Church of Greece, which indicated that the delay in holding the meeting may be due to the possibility of opposition to membership in the WCC.

Mr. Tomkins reported a difficulty confronted by Faith and Order in the necessity of sending a letter requiring an immediate answer concerning participation in the coming Faith and Order Conference in 1952. He expressed his opinion that the officers of Faith and Order would have to decide as to the wisdom of sending a slightly different letter to the Church of Greece.

20. Associate Editor of the Ecumenical Review.

The General Secretary reported that he had a letter from Dr. Paul Douglass, the American Associate Editor of the Ecumenical Review, presenting his resignation for reasons of health. Dr. Visser 't Hooft spoke with appreciation of the services of Dr. Douglass in developing the magazine Christendom, and in facilitating the transition from Christendom to the Ecumenical Review. It was AGREED :

> to accept the resignation of Dr. Douglass with regret, and to recommend that a word of appreciation be sent to him on behalf of the Central Committee.

Upon recommendation of the General Secretary, it was AGREED :

> to recommend the appointment of Dean Clarence T. Craig of Drew Theological Seminary as the American Associate Editor of the Ecumenical Review.

21. Membership of the Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church.

Miss Chakko reported that the Commission had agreed upon the following as members of the Commission, and after discussion it was AGREED :

> to recommend the following to the nominating committee for membership in the Commission on the Life and Work of Women in the Church :
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> As full members :
> Rev. Winifred Kiek, Australia
> Mrs. C.C. Holland, New Zealand
> Miss Winifred Thomas, Canada
> Mrs. Kathleen Bliss, England
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> As consultant members :
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> Miss Glora Wysner, International Missionary Council
> Miss Helen Roberts, World's YWCA
> Mr. Philippe Maury, World's Student Christian Federation.

22. Proposal of the United Bible Societies.

The General Secretary read a letter from Mr. Olivier Beguin, General Secretary of the United Bible Societies and a proposal from the U.B.S.

Discussion revealed gratitude and enthusiasm for the proposal, and it was AGREED :

> to recommend to the Central Committee that the proposal of the United Bible Societies be accepted.

23. Joint Committee of IMC-WCC.

The General Secretary reported that the Joint Committee would meet at Whitby, July 16-18, a somewhat longer meeting owing to the desire of the Committee to discuss matters of common policy and strategy as well as administrative matters concerning the two agencies.

In addition, the General Secretary asked guidance in procedure in the matter of electing an East Asian Secretary. After discussion, it was AGREED :

> to empower the representatives of the WCC on the Joint Committee to represent the Executive Committee in the selection of a Secretary for East Asia, providing the financial limits for the secretary and office set by the Finance Committee are not exceeded.

24. Press Relations.

Mr. Cooke presented the report and recommendations of the conference held on July 5 on press relations. Discussion revealed the necessity of modification. It was thereafter AGREED :

to recommend to the Central Committee the resolutions in Section I and Section II of the report of the conference on press relations, and to reserve the resolutions in Section III for further consideration of the Executive Committee.

25. Ecumenical Institute for Biblical Studies in Jerusalem.

The Bishop of Chichester read a proposal for the establishment of an ecumenical institute for Biblical studies in Jerusalem. Discussion revealed that committees of the International Missionary Council were also concerned with this matter, and it was therefore AGREED :

to refer the matter to the Joint Committee of the IMC-WCC for clearance and report back to the Executive Committee.

26. Request for prayer.

Mr. Taft read a telegram he had received from the magazine "The Living Church", requesting a day of prayer and fasting for peace. It was AGREED :

to refer the telegram to the sub-committee on International Affairs of the Central Committee.

27. Adjournment.

There being no other business, the meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned.